

### Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2006, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the indication that claims 49-65, 68-71, 77, and 79-87 are allowed.

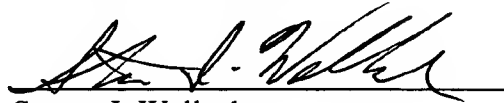
Allowed claim 87, which depends from allowed claim 49, has been rewritten in independent form with some minor changes to avoid inconsistency. No new matter is presented.

The Examiner omits mention of claim 46. In the Amendment mailed January 23, 2006, claim 46 was amended to depend from allowed claim 49 and is therefore allowable.

Claims 48 and 74, which stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), are canceled.

This application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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